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METHODS FOR MAKING SAME  
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### RESPONSE

This is a Response to the Office Action dated December 14, 2000 in the subject application.

The Examiner has concluded that the application contains claims directed to patentably distinct species and is requiring the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Examiner further stated that currently 1, 46, 57 and 58 are generic.

In response, the Applicant is electing species 1, as shown in Figure 2, in the event that no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-14, 18-21, 23-24 and 35 are readable on species 2.

The Examiner's restriction requirement has been addressed. Early and favorable action is requested.

If for any reason this Response is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned in Worcester, Massachusetts at (508) 791-8500.

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